news item, have reported that there is no involvement of any RBI officials in the fruad.

**Increase in Prices of Polyester Yarn**

1040. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of texturising and weaving units affected due to steep hike in the prices of polyester yarn, the total number of workers unemployed and the number of factories closed;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite reduction in excise and import duties, the prices of polyester yarn skyrocketed, due to increase in the cost of inputs;

(c) whether Government have worked out the total effect of excise/import duty reduction on raw materials and finished products; and

(d) the estimated rise in the cost of production due to escalation in the prices of raw materials like DMT, PTA, MEG, Paraxylene?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) There has been representation that despite the various concessions given by the Government, there has been increase in the prices of Polyester Yarn on account of increase in raw-material prices. There are about 2000 texturising units in the country and it has been represented that increase in prices has affected capacity utilisation in the texturing sector.

Prices of synthetic fibres/yarns including Polyester Yarn are not dependent only on raw-material prices but also on other factors such as cost structure of indigenous/imported raw-materials, conversion cost, duty structure, demand and supply, etc. However, in the context of increase in prices of these items, Government have asked the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices to undertake a study of the present structure of the industry which would cover factors relating to cost and prices.

**Import of Power Equipment**

1041. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some power equipments have been imported during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of countries of import and foreign exchanges spent thereon;

(c) whether there is proposal to produce these equipments in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHAMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) A wide range of machinery fall under the category of power equipments which is used in Thermal, Hydel, Gas and Nuclear Power Plants. Power Equipments also cover transmission and distribution equipment and other accessories related to power sector. Power equipments are imported by SEBs, industries using captive generation plants as well as the public & private utilities in power sector. The import of power equipments is also covered under bilateral and multilateral aid from various agencies as well as other countries under various funding arrangements. The details of power equipment imported by NHPC, NTPC, POWERGRID and NEEPCO are given in Annexure. (*See* Appendix 174, Annexture No. 31)

(c) to (c) Power equipments particularly in the field of generation, transmission & distribution are manufactured domestically by both public sector undertakings as well as private sector companies. If information pertaining to specific equipments or project is indicated, it would be possible